

## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

### **Claim Amendments**

The Applicant has amended Claims 1, 11, 12, 14, 21-23, 26-34 and 38-45; Claims 9-10, 25 and 35-37 have been cancelled. Applicant respectfully submits no new matter has been added. Accordingly, Claims 1-8, 11-23, 26-34 and 38-45 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

### **Examiner Objections – Specification/Claim Re-Numbering**

The Examiner objected to the specification because the numbering of claims is not in accordance with 37 CFR 1.126. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for his careful review of the specification. In response, the Applicant has modified the claim numbering as suggested by the Examiner. The Examiner's consideration of the amendments is respectfully requested.

### **Allowable Subject Matter**

The Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance of claims 19-22 and 27-32.

The Applicant also notes with appreciation the conditional allowance of claims 5-8, 10-14, 15-18, 24-26, 37-41 and 42-45. As the Examiner has suggested, claims 10, 25, and 37 have been rewritten in independent form including all limitation of the base claims and any intervening claims. Therefore no amendments have been made to narrow the scope of the pending claims or to create any sort of estoppel.

The Applicant therefore respectfully submits that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

### **Prior Art Not Relied Upon**

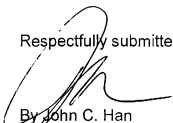
In paragraph 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner stated that the prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to the Applicant's disclosure.

### CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant believes all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

The Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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